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"STRIP HOLDER FOR USE IN A TEST STRIP METER"

Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment to the patent application identified above. Prior to examination of the subject application, please enter the following amendments to the specification and claims.